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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0621

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, MA (REPPAS, GEORGE)

SUBJECT: REPPAS DISAPPEARANCE

REF: A. STATE 075061; B. TANANARIVE 0584

1. DCM AND CONSULAR OFFICER MET WITH FATHER KING AND EXPLAINED TO HIM DEPT POSITION AS OUTLINED REFTEL A. KING TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT HE WOULD INFORM JEANNOT RABESON. CONSULAR OFFICER GAVE KING NAME AND ADDRESS OF RATSIMIHENA (REFTEL B) AT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AS APPROPRIATE GOMR OFFICIAL TO CONTACT. KING SAID HE WOULD NOT ACCOMPANY RABESON TO AUTHORITIES SINCE HE HAS HAD NO ROLE IN ESCAPE AND HAS ACTED ONLY AS GO-BETWEEN FROM RABESON TO EMBASSY. KING SAID HE WOULD TRY TO LOCATE RABESON QUICKLY, BUT NOTED THAT RABESON FAILED TO APPEAR FOR APPOINTMENT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

2. SINCE EMBASSY FELT RABESON MIGHT ALREADY HAVE GONE TO POLICE AS THREATENED, CONSULAR OFFICER, IN PRESENCE OF DCM, IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED DIRECTOR OF STUDIES ROKOTONDRAMASY AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMED HIM THAT JEANNOT RABESON HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING REPPAS AND WAS GOING TO CONTACT RATSIMIHENA AT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY ASKED WHERE REPPAS WAS. CONSULAR OFFICER SAID THAT, SINCE RABESON, WHOM EMBASSY HAS NEVER MET, WAS BETTER INFORMED AND THAT INFORMATION WAS NOT VERIFIED, EMBASSY DID NOT WANT TO REPEAT WHAT COULD BE RUMORS. DIRECTOR THANKED EMBASSY FOR CALLING AND SAID THAT
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FOREIGN OFFICE KNEW OF NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING REPPAS.

3. SHORTLY AFTER CONSULAR OFFICER FINISHED TELEPHONE CALL
JEANNOT RABESON CAME TO EMBASSY. IT BECAME CLEAR THAT
RABESON HAD BEEN BLUFFING US WHEN HE HAD THREATENED TO GO TO
POLICE. HE SAID HE WAS UNCERTAIN OF ACCURACY OF HIS INFOR-
MATION BUT RELUCTANTLY SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE RATSIMIHENA.
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